

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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(DROSPIRENONE) MARKETING, SALES

PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY

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MDL No. 2100

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ALL CASES

MINUTES OF STATUS CONFERENCE

PRESIDING: Chief Judge David R. Herndon

DATE: April 14, 2010

PLACE: East St. Louis, Illinois

COURT REPORTER: Barb Kniepman **COURTROOM DEPUTY:** Sandy Pannier

APPEARING FOR PLAINTIFFS: Roger Denton

APPEARING FOR DEFENDANTS: Adam Hoeflich **TIME:** 9:30 A.M. - 9:40 A.M.

Court allows numerous counsel to dial in to listen to status conference from their various offices

Adam Hoeflich notes that CMO #14, a common benefit order, has been entered and parties are working on a fact sheet for Defendants. The Court will amend the deadline for participating parties to submit their initial Common Benefit time and expense reports. The initial Common Benefit time and expense reports will be due May 17. Counsel are working on other CMO's with defendants and will be presented to Court shortly. They are hoping to amend the complaints and will streamline these amendments hopefully within the next 7 to 10 days. Court requests parties come up with CMO that would allow amendments in mass.

Regarding the status of the class actions, Court notes there are 3 class actions at the present time - two are fairly similar. The Court had hoped to have a Master Class Complaint. Mr. Denton reports the *Brownfield* action from California is a consumer only class for California and one from the Eastern District of Louisiana that is consumer class for the entire country. Those two firms have been discussing how to get that resolved.

Mr. Hoeflich advises there are two categories. One is a third party payer, in which a motion to dismiss has been filed, and the other is a consumer class. Plaintiff should be providing a Master Class Action complaint. Mr. Denton advises the Court that Mr. Stonebarger is in Court and would like to talk to Court regarding this after this hearing. Court will meet with counsel regarding this.

Regarding discovery issues - Mr. Hoeflich advises over 16 million pages have been provided. Defendants have received interrogatories and requests from MDL. They have 30(b)(6) deposition notices from plaintiff and hope to have dates for depositions in the near future.

Mr. Denton advises they have received approximately 10 million pages of discovery thus far. Defendants have disclosed an additional 6 million pages. The parties are trying to resolve discovery issues pertaining to Defendants' responses to interrogatories and document requests. However, the issue may need to be addressed by the Court.

The PSC is in the process of serving supplemental discovery on Defendants related to the label change in Europe two weeks ago, and the label change here that was recently announced.

The State Court litigation is going fairly well. The court has had discussions with Judge Moss in Pennsylvania. The first hearings are set in New Jersey and California in the coming weeks. Both leaderships include members of the PSC as well.

Next status conference is set for Wednesday, May 12 at 11:00 AM.

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